

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DARREN FINDLING, Personal  
Representative of the Estate of Eli Oles,  
Deceased

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 1:21-cv-00145  
Hon. Janet T. Neff

United States of America,  
Lakeland Hospitals at Niles and St. Joseph, Inc.,  
d/b/a Lakeland Hospital Niles  
Kenneth W. Kaufmann, II MD  
Karen D. Zienert, MD  
Kayla Lowery, RN  
Nancy Redman, RN  
Melissa Smith, RN

Defendants

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**PROPOSED ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT WITH DEFENDANT USA ONLY,  
FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND  
FOR APPROVAL OF DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the proposed Wrongful Death Settlement of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) between Plaintiff, The Estate of Eli Oles and the Defendant USA, only, is hereby approved;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that DARREN FINDLING, Personal Representative of the Estate of Eli Oles, Deceased, is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate said settlement, including releases, drafts, checks, etc.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the attorneys costs (\$515.31) and attorney fees (\$4,871.17) are hereby approved as reasonable and necessary for this cause and that said costs may be immediately disbursed;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that following the payment of costs and attorney fees as outlined above, the distribution of the net settlement proceeds pursuant to MCL 600.2922, (\$14,613.52), shall be evenly divided between Eli Oles parents, Cheyenne Bennet and Sidney Oles.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this approved settlement is full and final **only to Defendant USA. This action remains pending against Lakeland Hospitals at Niles and St. Joseph, Inc., d/b/a Lakeland Hospitals Niles, Kenneth Kaufmann, II, MD, Karen Zienert, MD Kayla Lowery, RN, Nancy Redmond, RN, Melissa Smith RN.**

**This is not a final order and does not dismiss this action.**

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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE